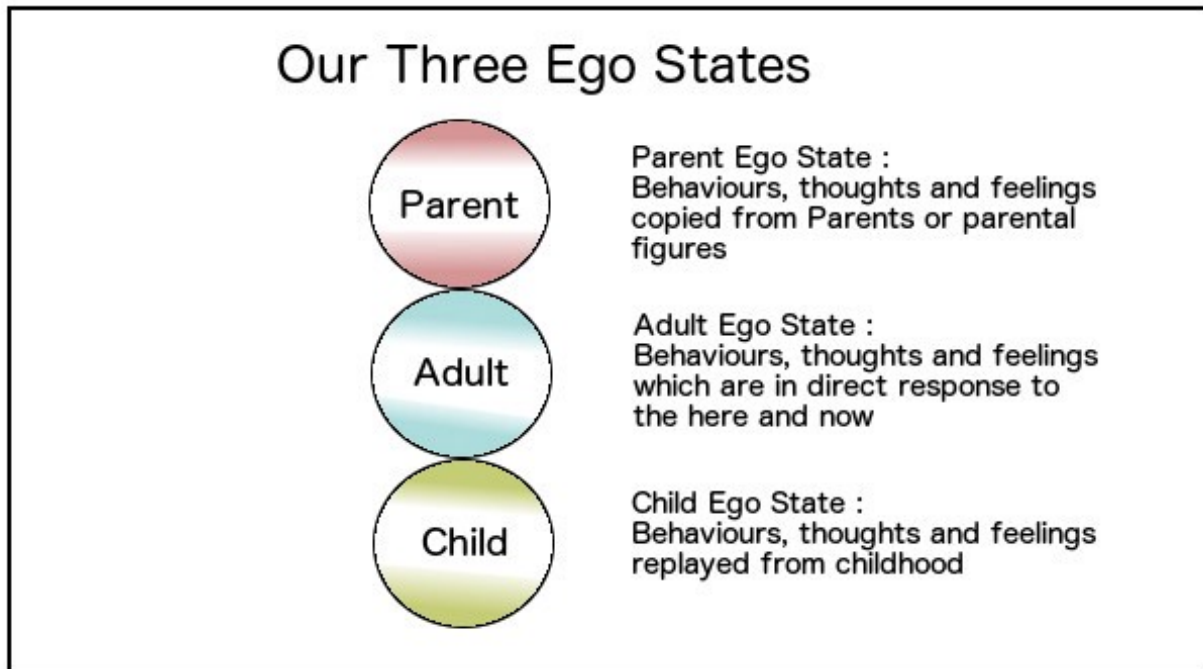


Encounter with Grace #4: “New Creation”

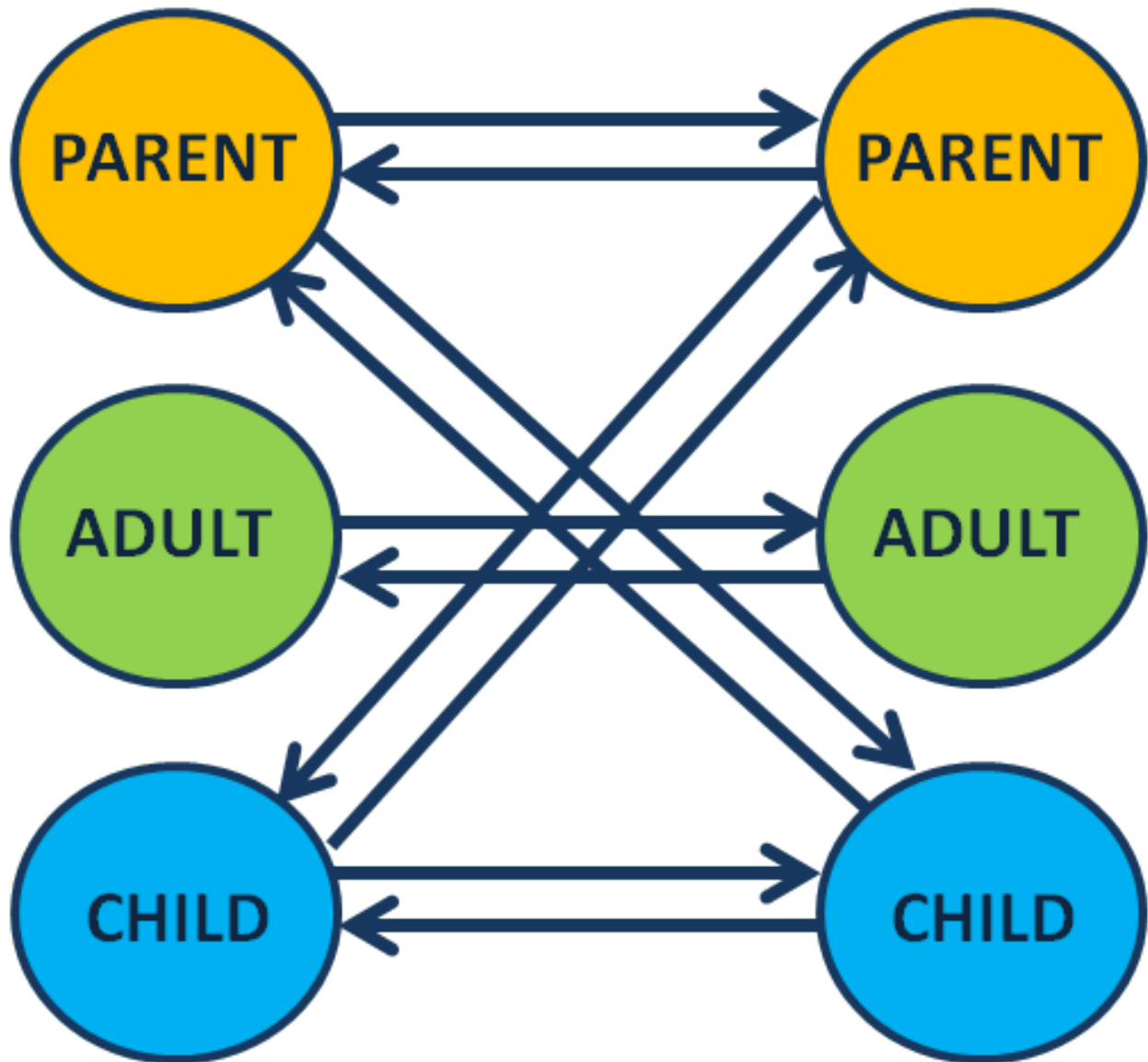


Transactional Analysis (TA) is a theory of personality and behavior which helps us understand the psychological make-up of individuals. It was formulated by an American **Psychiatrist Eric Berne in 1958**.

1 Corinthians 13:9-13 ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is [d]perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

¹³ And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.



The Perfectionist in your life [parent/child voice can be inside your head too] not only drives YOU crazy but he/she suffers from “voices” inside his/her head.

Spiritual Maturity means I am transformed in the way I talk; I mature in how I understand the world; I change the way I think. These behavioral changes is **WHAT IT MEANS**, “to put away childish things”. Coming face to face with God’s love is **HOW** we become “new creations in Christ”

Key Verse: Galatians 2:16 NLT “Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not

because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law.”

Galatians 6: 14-15 NKJV “As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world’s interest in me has also died. It doesn’t matter whether we have been circumcised or not. What counts is whether we have been transformed into a new creation.”

Galatians 2:17-19 NKJV “But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.”

Galatians 2:20-21 NIRV “I have been crucified with Christ. I don’t live any longer, but Christ lives in me. Now I live my life in my body by faith in the Son of God. He loved me and gave himself for me. I do not get rid of the grace of God. What if a person could become right with God by obeying the law? Then Christ died for nothing!

The CURE for Perfectionism:

1) Receive Christ’s work: Heb. 9:14 NKJV “...how much more [context: more than O.T. Law animal sacrifices] shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

2) Give up being a LAW MAN & IDENTIFY with CHRIST Gal. 2:19 MSG “What actually took place is this: I tried keeping rules and working my head off to please God, and it didn’t work. So I quit being a ‘law man’ so that I could be God’s man. Christ’s life showed me how, and enabled me to do it. I identified myself completely with him.”

Hebrews 4:9-12 NIRV “...there is still a Sabbath rest for God’s people. God rested from his work. Those who enjoy God’s rest also rest from their works. So let us make every effort to enjoy that rest. The word of God is alive and active. It is sharper than any sword that has two edges. It cuts deep enough to separate soul

from spirit. It can separate bones from joints. **It judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart.**

3) Live the Exchange Life: Gal. 2:20 MSG “Indeed, I have been crucified with Christ. **MY EGO IS NO LONGER CENTRAL.** It is no longer important that I appear righteous before you or have your good opinion, and I am no longer driven to impress God. Christ lives in me. **The life you see me living is not ‘mine’, but it is lived by faith in the Son of God,** who loved me and gave himself for me. I am not going to go back on that.”

If I have really been crucified with Christ THEN....

- I no longer live for myself – my ego isn’t central anymore
- I have recovered from the “please disease” (from pleasing God; also freed from the opinions of others and myself)
- I live HIS LIFE in me by HIS FAITH – the new life is His; the faith in me is His. “For in Him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28).

4) Refuse to go back to your old religious life: Gal. 2:21 MSG “Is it not clear to you that **to go back to that old rule-keeping, peer-pleasing religion would be an abandonment of everything** personal and free in my relationship with God? I refuse to do that, to repudiate God’s grace. If a living relationship with God could come by rule-keeping, **then Christ died unnecessarily.**”

Paul closes with: Galatians 6:16, 18 “And as many as walk according to this rule [context: **New Creation**], **peace and mercy** be upon them, and upon the Israel of God...Brethren, **the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.** Amen.”

PRAYER TIME & Altar Call:

Matthew 11:28-30 MSG “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

COMMUNION: Hebrews 10:16-23 NKJV ¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,” then He adds, “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer

an offering for sin. Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.